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Private or Agricultural Levee Repair

If a levee incurred any of the following damages from the most recent floods, those damages may be repaired without the need of a Flood Plain Permit from the Iowa DNR:

- Breaches or gaps washed through the levee.
- Spot erosion of the top or side slopes.
- Boils or sinkholes.
- Damage from fallen trees.

Repairs should restore the levee to its pre-flood condition. The repaired levee must be in the same location, have the same footprint, height and cross sectional area as the original levee.

It is recommended that you notify the DNR of levee repair work. Please provide your name and contact information, work location (section, township and range), a location map (such as a crop photo) showing the location of the levee and the approximate location of the damaged section(s) and a brief description of the planned repairs.

NOTE: You must contact the DNR if there was a complete loss of the levee - where no evidence of the original levee remains. You must obtain prior approval or authorization from the DNR before making any changes to the location of the levee or its top elevation.

Levee Repair Assistance – In some instances levee repair may be eligible for financial assistance from the U.S Army Corps of Engineers under Public law 84-99. For a Corps fact sheet on repairs to levee systems, visit

<http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/PublicAffairsOffice/MidwestFlooding2008/Home.htm>.

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